

The Bower accepts clothing in its two stores in Marrickville and Parramatta

The Bower Reuse and Repair Centre established a program to divert the Australian surplus of wearable clothing, shoes, accessories and manchester from landfill.

Australians are the world's second largest consumer of textiles. We dump 500 million kg clothing every year. This amounts to 23 kg per Australian or 6 ton per 10 minutes.

	<p>Typical Quality</p> 
<p>Craig Reucassel <u>visualised in ABC War on Waste</u> 6 ton of clothing going to landfill per 10 minutes</p>	<p>Typical range and quality of wearables clothing items we collect for reuse.</p>

Because the Australian second-hand clothing market is saturated and in the absence of a sustainable clothing industry in Africa were 90% of clothes worn are 2nd-hand we support programs to rehome clothing to Africa, where these clothes are worn by people who can't afford buying new. This France 24 documentary provides a further insight.

		
<p>Baling process for shipment of an Australian mix of wearable clothing</p>		

	
<p>Sorting, cleaning and repair by wholesalers</p>	